



Hall of Fame Selections Committee
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**Inter-Collegiate Sailing Association of North America
Hall of Fame Committee
2019 Annual Report
To ICSA Annual Meeting at Newport, Rhode Island**

The initial email call for nominations was emailed March 1, 2019, to all ICSA email lists with a deadline for nominations of April 15. On April 2, a deadline reminder message was sent to all ICSA email lists. On April 13, a last call email was sent. Nominations were closed April 15, 2019.

The following members of the Hall of Fame Committee were confirmed by April 3: NEISA-Ken Legler; MAISA-Adam Werblow; PCCSC-Brian Stanford; SEISA-Karl Kleinschrodt; NWICSA-Scott Wilson; MCSA-Gail Turluck; and new member SAISA-Alan Kapellin.

Once the nominations were collected, they were assembled by category and provided to the Committee members with the Award description by category. The Committee members were given five days to consider and send their selections.

The Committee had a conference call on May 6, 2019 where the procedures for selection consideration and the goals of having a conference call were discussed and agreed to. Two ideas for improving submission of nominations were made.

- One, to have the nominations process announced on the ICSA web page on the same schedule as the email announcements are made, and
- two, to begin the announcements February 1.

Due to a sudden medical situation, NEISA's representative was unable to participate in voting. The remaining six Conferences had active participation in the selection process.

We had six nominees for Student Leadership (James Rousmaniere Award), three nominees for Lifetime Service, one nominee for Outstanding Service by a College Sailing Professional (Graham Hall Award), and zero nominees for Outstanding Service-Volunteer. There were many outstanding nominations.

Conference Commissioners are encouraged to aid in the development of well-prepared nominations:

- Ask Conference members at your Annual Meeting to identify potential candidates to allow adequate time for petition preparation.
- Please build a media team for your conference, including Conference Photographers. Encourage these photographers to be taking photos (ideally with more than a cell phone) of action, teams, coaches, social events, smiling-happy-sailors, dressed for the water, dressed for success, etc., to have future nominee photos on file.
- Individuals may be renominated.

ICSA Board - Please arrange to have an individual with a digital camera at the banquets at which this year's Hall of Fame inductees receive their recognition so suitable photographs are captured and have them emailed to me at

gail@collegesailing.org and Jen Mitchell media@collegesailing.org. It is in the interest of the ICSA going forward that we have a photograph of our awardees to add to the web page.

I thank the nominators and the members of the Committee for their attentive and thoughtful consideration, discovery, and contributions.

The Committee is pleased to name the individuals on the following pages as the 2019 inductees to the Inter-Collegiate Sailing Association of North America Hall of Fame.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Gail M. Turluck".

Gail M. Turluck
Chair

May 15, 2019

STUDENT LEADERSHIP - James Rousmaniere Award

Recognizing extraordinary leadership and achievement by an undergraduate whose efforts have made a significant contribution to the development, progress, and success of his or her club or team, conference, or the ICSA. Demonstrated leadership over a period of years, rather than a single year, will receive the most serious consideration. One honoree per year.

2019 Honoree: Alyson Leigh Schwerdtfeger

Date of Birth: August 28, 1997

College Attended: Bentley University

Year of Graduation: 2019

Mailing Address: 175 Forest St, Waltham, MA 02452

I have had the pleasure of getting to know Ally Schwerdtfeger during my time on the NEISA Executive Board. I have developed a relationship with Ally via sailing and have witnessed her commitment to the sport. Walking onto a well-funded club sports team, I did not know the struggle that Bentley University faced, but through Ally's leadership and later friendship, I have noticed just how much NEISA sailing needed Ally. Although Bentley University may not be what you think about when you think of the NEISA sailing program, we all know that without the Bentley Universities of NEISA we would not be where we are today. Ally has shown tremendous leadership by being the vice president of her program for three years as well as being on the NEISA Executive Board since 2017. Ally continues to advocate for the smaller club programs and has been a massive part of the developing team's symposium. When we were on the board together, Ally helped lead her team and manage the NEISA social media page, with great success I might add. Using social media. Ally brought NEISA into the twenty first century and created cohesive brand for college sailing in New England. Ally even took it one step further by making conference calls and even Skyped into the Annual Meeting during her time studying abroad. Although I never sat in the same boat as Ally, I have seen her leadership on and off the water through her comments in conference calls, her questions about how to run a successful club program, and her kindness after racing. If you are looking for a real leader, there is no need to look at the race results, just at who's advocating for the smaller teams that make NEISA the best place to sail.

-Sarah Morin

University of Rhode Island '18

Alyson was awarded the NEISA Student Leadership Award at our award ceremony.

Respectfully submitted,

David Thompson, Chair
NEISA Award Committee
Assistant Sailing Coach
Dartmouth College

LIFETIME SERVICE.

Recognizing a career of extraordinary service to College Sailing, whether as volunteer or professional; one honoree per year; nominees must have passed their 60th birthday.

2019 Honoree: Kenneth Legler

College attended: University of Rhode Island

Graduation date: 1977

Date of Birth: December 7, 1954

Address: 16 Parkview Rd., Reading, MA 01867

Ken Legler exemplifies the best of college sailing. Ken lives for college sailing; his love of the sport makes him an iconic figure within the sailing community at large. Ken's devotion and enthusiasm are obvious at every meeting, chalk talk, practice, and regatta. While many coaches foster a team atmosphere that focuses on maximizing performance at national championships, Ken focuses on providing sailors the best opportunities to have fun sailing while in college.

Ken's inclusive and enthusiastic attitude touches everyone on the Tufts team, but his influence is not limited to us Jumbos. The support and encouragement that Ken gives to his sailors resonates throughout the entire college sailing community. In this intense competitive arena, Ken's spirit reminds everyone that the foundation of our beloved sport is fun and sportsmanship.

Historically, Tufts has always had one of the largest college sailing teams. Our substantial roster is Ken's legacy; he wants to provide as many students as possible the opportunity to enjoy the sport he has structured his entire life around. Ken's inclusivity is ingrained into his recruiting approach; he does not just look at numbers like results, height and weight. Ken considers each sailor as an individual; he evaluates how their personality would contribute to the team and how they would benefit from the Tufts sailing community. Ken does not stop recruiting when the admissions cycle is over; it continues into orientation week. In late August, Ken encourages anyone interested to come and try out; he genuinely loves sharing the joy of sailing with new people. Currently, we have ten walk-on crews who continue to cultivate their love for the sport at every practice.

Another element of Ken's coaching philosophy is his support for smaller regattas. His commitment to these events is exemplified by how he chooses to send multiple Tufts teams to these regattas to ensure there are enough boats to compete. Additionally, Ken often devotes the Tufts boathouse to host several smaller regattas a season. Ken also advocates for the smaller, less established teams in NEISA and the ICSA. He always keeps his eye out for team who lack the resources or experience to voice their opinions or get the help they need with club-sailing logistics.

Ken's enthusiasm for sailing extends far throughout the collegiate realm. While encouraging sailors to spend their undergraduate careers on the lake in Larks, Ken also seeks to inspire students to follow their passions. He knows that with such a large roster comes a diverse array of goals and priorities, shifting his expectations of individuals to align with their personal sailing goals. Furthermore, he always prioritizes the physical and mental health of our team. He is extremely understanding when anyone comes to him with a variety of extenuating circumstances that might interfere with sailing. Whether it is schoolwork or family, he is an excellent and accommodating listener who wants to help people get back on the water.

Ken's decades of devotion to sailing and his outstanding character merit the Lifetime Achievement Award. Still, as a coach he has the concrete results that validate the brilliance of his unique philosophy. Ken has seen the Tufts Jumbos win twenty national titles: eight Women's, five Team Racing, three Dinghy, two Men's Singlehanded, one Women's Singlehanded, and one Match Racing. During Ken's tenure, Tufts has produced 68 All-Americans and 29 honorable mentions. He has also been the coach of three College Sailor of the Year recipients. Before coming to Tufts, Ken coached at the U.S. Naval Academy and the U.S. Merchant Marine Academy. His extensive experience has made him a favorite for tasks like helping with college rankings and presiding over large regattas.

Ken has dedicated his life to improving college sailing for teams big and small. Ken's genuine love for sailing inspires a generosity of spirit and sportsmanship in everyone he meets.

His devotion to sailing and accomplished resume are just the highlight reel of the impact he has on this community. Without a doubt, Ken Legler certainly merits the honor of receiving the 2019 ICSA Lifetime Service Award.

Respectfully submitted,

Ian Morgan
Tufts University Sailing Team
Tufts University - 2019
B.S. Quantitative Economics

GRAHAM HALL AWARD FOR OUTSTANDING SERVICE BY A COLLEGE SAILING PROFESSIONAL

Recognizing organizers, administrators, advisors, or coaches who have served the best interests of College Sailing at the club/team, Conference, or national level; one or two honorees per year; nominees must have passed their 45th birthday.

2019 Honoree: Jesse E. Andrews

College attended: University of Hawaii at Manoa

Graduation date: 1997

Date of Birth: November 3, 1973

Address: 1337 Lower Campus Rd., Honolulu, HI 96822

Born in 1973 in Mystic, Connecticut, Jesse Andrews' first sailing experience was at age 9 when he, his father and grandfather sailed from Maine to Connecticut in an 18-foot Marshall Catboat. Soon after, Andrews enrolled in sailing lessons at the Mystic Seaport in Connecticut and then went on to become one of the top youth sailors in the nation. At age 15, Andrews won the Blue Jay National Championships and in the years following sailed at four world championships

Andrews sailed for the University of Rhode Island for two and a half years before moving to Hawai'i. He says the University of Hawaii appealed to him because Hawai'i seemed like a perfect place to sail and study. While a Rainbow sailor, Andrews participated in 26 regattas, including three national championships. In the spring of 1995 and '96, Andrews earned All-America honorable mention accolades. In his senior year, he earned All-America honors, becoming only the fourth Rainbow sailor to receive the distinction. During his time at University of Hawaii, Jesse served as team captain and excelled in school, receiving University of Hawaii scholar-athlete academic achievement awards. He graduated from University of Hawaii in 1997 with a liberal studies degree in aquatic recreation. Following his graduation at Hawai'i, Andrews traveled throughout Europe as part of the ICSA All-Star team on the British Universities Sailing Association team racing tour. 1997 was a big year for the University of Hawaii sailing program, as the University of Hawaii athletic department made the decision to add women's sailing as a varsity sport. With the development of the women's sailing team, Andrews was a welcomed addition to the coaching staff. Jesse has been on the University of Hawaii coaching staff since fall of 1997. With the position having very little pay, the job was sold to him as a chance to give back to a program he had benefitted from and a chance to give back to college sailing.

Since 1997 Jesse Andrews has been giving back. On a daily basis Jesse helps run practices coordinating on the water drills and repairing boats. He has helped guide the University of Hawaii Sailing Team to numerous Pacific Coast Championships and two National titles: the women's team in 2001 on the Charles River in Boston and in 2004 with the University of Hawaii Coed team on the Columbia River in Oregon. Jesse has helped the University of Hawaii host many Pacific Coast Championships, four ICSA National Championships and the yearly Peter Wenner Rainbow Invite that now attracts college sailing teams from Japan, Canada and all over the ICSA. He has served the Pacific Coast Collegiate Sailing Conference on its Board in various leadership positions over the years. Jesse continues to be a positive influence on the University of Hawaii sailors and college sailing in general.

There is no doubt Jesse will continue to “give back” as his coaching career goes on at the University of Hawaii. He has been a steady coach with the University of Hawaii for 22 years and I truly believe he meets the criteria for the Graham Hall Award for Outstanding Service by a College Sailing Professional.

Respectfully submitted,

Andy Johnson
Head Coach, Sailing
University of Hawaii

OUTSTANDING SERVICE – VOLUNTEER

Recognizing those who have volunteered their time, talent, or resources to advance the interests of College Sailing at the club/team, Conference, or national level; one or two honorees per year; nominees must have passed their 45th birthday.

2019 Honoree: None.

No nominations submitted.